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SUBJECT: FURTHER REACTION TO KISSINGER SPEECH

SUMMARY: IN TWO PRESS INTERVIEWS PUBLISHED MAY 1, LABOR PARTY
FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN AND DESIGNATED FONMIN VAN DER STOEL

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WELCOMED KISSINGER PROPOSALS BUT SAID THAT RESOLUTION OF TRADE
PROBLEMS IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN SUDDEN PREPARATION OF NEW
ATLANTIC CHARTER. OBVIOUSLY WITH GREECE, PORTUGAL AND TURKEY IN
MIND, VAN DER STOEL SAID ANY NEW CHARTER OR DECLARATION SHOULD

CONTAIN STRONG RE- AFFIRMATION OF ATTACHMENT TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. WHATEVER KIND OF COMPREHENSIVE CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES ARE DEVELOPED, VAN DER STOEL ENVISIONS ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS TO TAKE PLACE IN EXISTING FORA SUCH AS GATT, OECD, NATO, ETC. ON BURDEN-SHARING, VAN DER STOEL STRESSED NEED FOR GREATER RATIONALIZATION AND EFFICIENCY IN EUROPEAN DEFENSE EFFORT RATHER THAN INCREASING THAT EFFORT OR MAKING DIRECT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO US FOR STATIONING FORCES IN EUROPE. SINCE VAN DER STOEL MAY WELL BECOME FONMIN WITHIN NEXT WEEK OR SO, HIS VIEWS ARE BEING REPORTED HERE IN SOME DETAIL. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS WITH FULL TEXTS OF INTERVIEWS. END SUMMARY.

1. VAN DER STOEL WAS INTERVIEWED ON APRIL 30 BY VOLKSKRANT (CATHOLIC- LABOR) AND NRC/ HANDELSBLAD (INDEPENDENT- CENTER). IN PREPARATION FOR INTERVIEW, EMBOFF, AT VAN DER STOEL' S REQUEST, BRIEFED LATTER ON APR 28 ALONG LINES OF GUIDANCE CONTAINED STATE 77673 AND PROVIDED TEXT OF DEPT' S APR 26 NOON PRESS BRIEFING (MEMCON BEING TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY TO EUR/ WE AND CERTAIN OTHER ADDRESSEES). PRINCIPAL POINTS MADE BY VAN DER STOEL IN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED MAY 1 ARE AS FOLLOWS.

2. TRADE PROBLEMS AND ATLANTIC CHARTER. US CRITICISM OF EC IS AIMED 75 PERCENT AT CAP, BUT WASHINGTON MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THIS POLICY IS VITAL COMPONENT OF INTEGRATION PROCESS AND THAT ONLY MODALITIES OF APPLICATION OF CAP ARE OPEN FOR DISCUSSION. RESOLUTION OF THIS AND OTHER ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN SUDDEN PREPARATION OF NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER. IF SUCH A DECLARATION COMES INTO BEING, IT SHOULD CONFIRM LANGUAGE IN NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ON NECESSITY TO MAINTAIN DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS. IN ANY CASE, A CHARTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN AN INVITATION FOR OTHER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS SPAIN, TO BECOME MEMBERS OF NATO. IN ITSELF, THE PROPOSAL FOR A NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER IS CERTAINLY INTERESTING, BUT NEGOTIATIONS ON CONCRETE PROBLEMS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN EXISTING FORA SUCH AS GATT AND OECD. FOR SUCH MATTERS A SOLEMN PAPER DECLARATION IS INSUFFICIENT. MOREOVER, THE EC MEMBERS MUST FIRST REACH AGREEMENT AMONG THEMSELVES, FOR EXAMPLE, ON AGRICULTURAL POLICY.

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3. DEFENSE AND NATO. THERE IS NO REASON FOR NETHS TO INCREASE DEFENSE EFFORT IN FRAMEWORK OF FAIR DIVISION OF DEFENSE BURDEN BETWEEN EUROPE AND US, OR TO MAKE DIRECT PAYMENTS TO US FOR STATIONING FORCES IN EUROPE. WASHINGTON PROBABLY WOULD NOT WANT LATTER EITHER, BECAUSE US FORCES WOULD THEN BE DEGRADED AS MERCENARIES. CONSIDERING THAT GNP PER CAPITA IN WESTERN EUROPE IS HALF THAT OF US, AND THAT EUROPEAN ALLIES TOGETHER SPEND 27 BILLION FOR THEIR DEFENSE AS AGAINST 14 BILLION OF US DEFENSE EXPENDITURES ATTRIBUTABLE TO DEFENSE OF EUROPE, EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION TO COMMON DEFENSE IS NOT INCONSIDERABLE. EUROPEAN ALLIES MUST COME TO MORE EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION OF THEIR DEFENSE EFFORT, PARTICULARLY STANDARDIZATION OF ARMAMENTS. RATIONAL DIVISION OF

LABOR WITHIN NATO ALONG LINES URGED IN 1971 OTTAWA RESOLUTION OF NAA IS ALSO URGENT MATTER, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF GROWING DIFFICULTY OF SMALLER ALLIES IN MAINTAINING FULL- FLEDGED THREE-SERVICE MILITARY FORCES. SAVINGS GENERATED BY RATIONALIZATION AND STANDARDIZATION MUST GO HAND IN HAND WITH IMPROVEMENT OF QUALITY OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE CONTRIBUTION AND GREATER MOBILITY OF FORCES. IT IS ALSO OBVIOUS THAT EUROPEAN ALLIES MUST CONSULT ABOUT EASING STRAIN ON US BOP ASSOCIATED WITH STATIONING FORCES IN EUROPE. RESTORATION OF DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS IN PORTUGAL AND GREECE IS ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECTS THAT NATO MUST ADDRESS.

4. US- EUROPEAN CONSULTATIONS. SOLUTION OF US- EUROPEAN PROBLEMS CAN BE BROACHED DURING MEETINGS PRESIDENT NIXON WILL HAVE WITH STATESMEN SUCH AS BRANDT AND POMPIDOU. AFTER THAT, FONMINS COULD CONSULT IN SEPTEMBER PRIOR TO OPENING OF UNGA, AS SUGGESTED BY US. ALTHOUGH US HAS PRESENTED PROBLEMS AS A COMPREHENSIVE WHOLE, NEGOTIATION OF SOLUTIONS MUST BE SPLIT UP AND HANDLED IN SEPARATE FORA. VAN DER STOEL SEES NO SALVATION IN SETTING UP A WHOLLY NEW ORGAN IN WHICH ALL OF US- EUROPEAN PROBLEMS COULD BE DISCUSSED COMPREHENSIVELY; BUT HE COULD IMAGINE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HIGH- LEVEL US- EC " CONTACT GROUP," AS SUGGESTED BY BRANDT, THAT COULD FUNCTION AS AN " EARLY WARNING SYSTEM." VAN DER STOEL IS OPPOSED TO AN ATLANTIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE AT WHICH ONLY THE LEADERS OF THE LARGE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, SUCH AS FRANCE, BRITAIN, AND GERMANY, WOULD BE PRESENT.

5. COMMENT: BEGIN LOU. IN APRIL 28 DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, VAN DER STOEL WAS MORE SYMPATHETIC TO US VIEWS ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS THAN
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ABOVE COMMENTS REPORTED IN PRESS WOULD SUGGEST. VAN DER STOEL SAID HE WAS OPPOSED BOTH TO REVERSE PREFERENCES AND CAP. HE DESCRIBED LATTER AS FACT OF LIFE IN EC THAT COULD NOT BE ELIMINATED BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT, WITH HELP OF UK, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO EFFECT CHANGES IN MODALITIES OF APPLYING CAP IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE US. ALSO, IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, VAN DER STOEL INCLUDED TURKEY ALONG WITH PORTUGAL AND GREECE RE REFERENCE TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES IN AN ATLANTIC CHARTER.
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